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Period for Reply

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *03 March 2004*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-18* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-18* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *03 March 2004* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, pages 1-5 filed 2/2/2006 with respect to certain objections have been fully considered and are persuasive. See Below.

The objection to claims 1, 3, 10 and 13 has been withdrawn in view of applicant's arguments.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4, 6-11 and 15-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Specifically, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 10. However, applicant is arguing new features recited by the amended claims, but because amended claims have changed the scope of the claim, applicant's arguments are moot in view of new grounds of rejection. Furthermore, claims 4, 6-9 directly depend on claim 1 and claims 11, 15-16 directly depend on claim 10 and thus, applicant's arguments with respect to those claims are moot as well.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-3, 5, 12-13 and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Specifically applicant has changed the scopes of independent claim 1 (claims 2-3 and 5 depend on claim 1) and independent claim 10 (claims 12-13 and 14 depend on 10) and therefore this renders the arguments moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 10-11, 15-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karakawa (6304237) in view of Edge (2002/0167528).

Regarding claim 1, Karakawa teaches a light source to generate light of a set of at least three primary colors by explaining the invention comprises a monochromatic red (R), green (G), blue (B) pulsed laser light source adapted for display applications, and particularly, LCD display systems. (Col 1, 59-61) Karakawa further teaches a controller to produce a light pattern corresponding to an image by selectively controlling the path of the light of said at least three primary colors by showing the schematic diagram of the monochromatic R, G, B laser light source coupled with three transmissive LCD panels as the spatial light modulators is shown in FIG. 3. Since LCD panels are totally insensitive to the pulse width modulation, this monochromatic R,G,B laser light source can be coupled with both transmissive and reflective LCD panels acting as spatial light modulators. (Col 5 lines 32-38, Fig. 3) Since the utilization of a spatial light modulator is well known in the art as an example of a controller to determine the relative location of light of each color as projected onto the view screen, Karakawa teaches the operation of a controller as a means of projecting the projection lens contents onto the viewing screen (Fig 3). However, Karakawa fails to explicitly

teach a proofed image and wherein said at least three primary colors are selected to define a viewed color gamut which substantially covers said perceived color gamut of said set of inks when printed on said substrate. This is what Edge teaches. (p. 1 paragraph 9, p. 1-2 paragraph 12, p. 3 paragraph 2 Figs. 1-2) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of a viewed color gamut which substantially covers perceived color gamut of said inks when printed on a substrate as taught by Edge into the system of Karakawa in order to reproduce a proofed image because soft proofing can remove the need to print copies of media during proofing process and allow multiple proofing specialists to proof colo images from remote locations simpoly by looking at display devices, rather than awaiting delivery of hard copies. (p. 1 paragraph 6)

Regarding claim 4, Karakawa teaches the light source of the display includes at least a plurality of light emitting diodes by showing the monochromatic R, G, B laser light source incorporates cw **diode laser bar** (Col 3, lines 16-17) and referring to Fig. 1, the master oscillator is coupled through output coupler to multiple Nd:YVO.sub.4 based gain modules (e.g., power amplifiers), and the average output power increases as more gain modules are added to the master oscillator. Each gain module is constructed from Nd:YVO.sub.4 crystal slab transversely pumped by one or two cw **diode laser bars**. (Col 3, lines 43-49).

Consider claim 6, Karakawa teaches at least three primary colors comprise at least four primary colors by explaining the performance goals of the monochromatic R,G,B laser light source are usually defined by the requirement for pulse repetition rate

and FWHM (full-width half-max) pulse width, as well as producing high luminosity, well color-balanced white light when R,G,B laser light are mixed together. (Col 3, lines 11-15) Since the definition of white light is well known in the art as containing all the colors of the visible spectrum, the display taught by Karakawa teaches at least three primary colors comprising at least four primary colors.

Consider claim 7, Karakawa teaches wherein the light source produces light of three primary colors, the transmission spectra of which define said viewed color gamut by showing the invention presents a monochromatic R, G, B light source which incorporates digital color space conversion electronics which transfer input video signal color space into R, G, B color space created by the monochromatic R, G, B light source, so that the resulting color spectrum is acceptable for display use. (Col 2, lines 38-42).

Consider claim 8, Karakawa teaches the displayed claimed in claim 8, comprising a spatial light modulator by demonstrating the invention includes display systems employing the monochromatic, pulsed laser light source, particularly for LCD display systems, since LCD panel (one of spatial light modulators) does not require pulse width modulation, the R, G, B pulsed laser light source may be coupled to three LCD panels (one panel for each primary color) to create a display system. (Col 2, lines 26-32)

Regarding claim 9, Karakawa teaches the display claimed in claim 9, comprising a digital micro-mirror device by showing although the specific example of three transmissive LCD panels with the monochromatic R, G, B laser light source has been

discussed in detail, the invention can be coupled with other different types of spatial light modulators; such as, but not limited to: digital mirror device (DMD), two dimensional electro- mechanical, digital, mirror array device modulators, as manufactured by Texas Instruments; (Col 6, lines 43-47 and Col 6 lines 54-56).

Regarding claim 18, Karakawa teaches said controller controls path of light of said at least three primary colors based on image data (input video signal) in terms of said at least three primary colors. (Col 5 lines 32-38, Fig. 3) However, Karakawa fails to explicitly teach a proofed image. This is what Edge teaches. (p. 1 paragraph 9, p. 1-2 paragraph 12, p. 3 paragraph 2 Figs. 1-2) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of a proofed image as taught by Edge into the system of Karakawa in order to control path of light of said at least three primary colors based on image data representing proofed image because soft proofing can remove the need to print copies of media during proofing process and allow multiple proofing specialists to proof colo images from remote locations simpoly by looking at display devices, rather than awaiting delivery of hard copies. (p. 1 paragraph 6)

Consider claim 10, Karakawa accepting data corresponding to an image by showing the invention presents a monochromatic R, G, B light source which incorporates digital color space conversion electronics which transfer input video signal color space into R, G, B color space created by the monochromatic R, G, B light source, so that the resulting color spectrum is acceptable for display use. (Col 2, lines 38-42). Karakawa further teaches converting data to data corresponding to a set of at

least three primary colors by explaining the invention presents a monochromatic R, G, B light source which incorporates digital color space conversion electronics which transfer input video signal color space into R, G, B color space created by the monochromatic R, G, B light source, so that the resulting color spectrum is acceptable for display use. (Col 2, lines 38-42). Karakawa additionally teaches selectively producing light of said at least three primary colors by showing the invention comprises a monochromatic red (R), green (G), blue (B) pulsed laser light source adapted for display applications, and particularly, LCD display systems. (Col 1, 59-61) Karakawa additionally teaches combining the light of at least said three primary colors to substantially reproduce said image by showing the schematic diagram of the monochromatic R, G, B laser light source coupled with three transmissive LCD panels as the spatial light modulators is shown in FIG. 3. Since LCD panels are totally insensitive to the pulse width modulation, this monochromatic R,G,B laser light source can be coupled with both transmissive and reflective LCD panels acting as spatial light modulators. (Col 5 lines 32-38) Since the utilization of a spatial light modulator is well known in the art as an example of a controller to determine the relative location of light of each color as projected onto the view screen, Karakawa teaches the operation of a controller as a means of projecting the projection lens contents onto the viewing screen (Fig 3). However, Karakawa fails to explicitly teach a proofed image and wherein said at least three primary colors are selected to define a viewed color gamut which substantially covers said perceived color gamut of said set of inks when printed on said substrate. This is what Edge teaches. (p. 1 paragraph 9, p. 1-2 paragraph 12, p. 3

paragraph 2 Figs. 1-2) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of a viewed color gamut which substantially covers perceived color gamut of said inks when printed on a substrate as taught by Edge into the system of Karakawa in order to reproduce a proofed image because soft proofing can remove the need to print copies of media during proofing process and allow multiple proofing specialists to proof colo images from remote locations simpoly by looking at display devices, rather than awaiting delivery of hard copies. (p. 1 paragraph 6)

Consider claim 11, Karakawa further teaches wherein converting said data comprises converting the data using a conversion matrix by showing The schematic diagram of digital color space converter design discussed below is shown in FIG. 5. In order to duplicate the input signal color space, this monochromatic R,G,B laser light source incorporates the digital electronic circuit design that performs the following: b. 24 bits of color information are input through C.sub.R, C.sub.B and Y inputs, **converted** to a new color space (e.g., monochromatic R,G,B laser light source color space) by the 3.times.3 **matrix multiplier** in real time basis, and output onto three separate input controls to the spatial light modulator used. (Col 6, lines 12-15 and Col 6, lines 19-24)

Regarding claim 15, Karakawa further teaches wherein said at least three primary colors include a red primary, a green primary and a blue primary, the transmission spectra of which define said viewed color gamut by showing the invention presents a monochromatic R, G, B light source which incorporates digital color space

conversion electronics which transfer input video signal color space into R, G, B color space created by the monochromatic R, G, B light source, so that the resulting color spectrum is acceptable for display use. (Col 2, lines 38-42)

Regarding claim 16, Karakawa teaches the method comprising spatially modulating the light of said at least three primary colors by explaining the invention includes display systems employing the monochromatic, pulsed laser light source, particularly for LCD display systems, since LCD panel (one of spatial light modulators) does not require pulse width modulation, the R, G, B pulsed laser light source may be coupled to three LCD panels (one panel for each primary color) to create a display system. (Col 2, lines 26-32).

Claims 2-3 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karakawa (6304237) in view of Edge (2002/0167528) in further view of Lind (6069601).

Considering claim 2, Neither Karakawa nor Edge teaches a correction filter. This is what Lind teaches. (Col 3, line 45- Col 4 line 11 and Fig. 3) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of a correction filter as taught by Lind into the system of Karakawa utilizing a viewed color gamut similar to perceived color gamut when printed as taught by Edge in order to employ said correction filter based on spectrum reflected from substrate because the correction filter of Lind provides the functionality of selecting particular colors based on particular ink and paper to be used in the printing

process (Col 3, lines 55-61 and Fig. 3) including possible selection of cyan, magenta, yellow pixel elements to produce a resultant secondary color. (Col 4, lines 9-11)

Claim 12 is similar in scope to claim 2 and thus, rejected under similar rationale.

Consider claim 3, Lind teaches a correction filter being based on the spectrum of an intended light used to view the proofed image when printed on the substrate. (Col 3, lines 55-61 and Fig. 3) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of a correction filter as taught by Lind into the system of Karakawa utilizing a viewed color gamut similar to perceived color gamut when printed as taught by Edge in order to employ said correction filter based on spectrum of an intended light used to view the proofed image when printed on the substrate because the correction filter of Lind provides the functionality of selecting particular colors based on particular ink and paper to be used in the printing process (Col 3, lines 55-61 and Fig. 3) including possible selection of cyan, magenta, yellow pixel elements to produce a resultant secondary color. (Col 4, lines 9-11)

Claim 13 is similar in scope to claim 3 and thus, rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 5, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karakawa (6304237) in view of Edge (2002/0167528) in further view of Baba (20020122019).

Regarding claim 5, Neither Karakawa nor Edge explicitly teaches a polychromatic source to generate polychromatic light and a color filtering mechanism to generate at least three light beams of said at least three primary colors by filtering said

polychromatic light. This is what Baba teaches. (p. 1 paragraph 8, p.15 paragraph 214 and Fig. 21) It should be noted the polychromatic light source as taught by Baba is white light source and white light contains all colors of the visible spectrum. Furthermore, it should be noted that the filtering mechanism used to generate at least three light beams of at least three primary colors is taught by Baba as a color wheel. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings of generating RGB colors by filtering polychromatic light as taught by Baba into the system of Karakawa utilizing a viewed color gamut similar to perceived color gamut when printed as taught by Edge because utilizing a single white light source in comparison to three separate light sources would reduce the number of LCD panels and Dichroic Mirrors needed relative to a monochromatic light source system, and thus saving on expenditure.

Regarding claim 17, Neither Karakawa nor Edge explicitly teaches color filtering mechanism is adapted to sequentially place at least three color filters corresponding to said at least three primary colors in path of said polychromatic light. This is what Baba teaches. (p. 1 paragraph 8, p.15 paragraph 214 and Fig. 21) It should be noted that the color wheel as taught by Baba is divided into regions provided with filters for allowing of transmitted light to be R, G, B, W C, M and Y. (Col 8, paragraph 118). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings a color wheel of Baba into the system of Karakawa utilizing a viewed color gamut similar to perceived color gamut when printed as taught by Edge in order to sequentially place at least three color filters

corresponding to said at least three primary colors in path of said polychromatic light because a color wheel enables a plurality of color filters to be linked on a single module, thus saving on cost.

Regarding claim 14, Baba teaches passing light through a color wheel. (p. 1 paragraph 8, p.15 paragraph 214 and Fig. 21) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the present time the invention was made to combine the teachings a color wheel of Baba into the system of Karakawa utilizing a viewed color gamut similar to perceived color gamut when printed as taught by Edge in order to produce light of said at least three primary colors because a color wheel enables a plurality of color filters to be linked on a single module, thus saving on cost.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Kevin K Xu whose telephone number is 571-272-7747. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 AM – 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman can be reached on (571)-272-7653.

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